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# H. R. 5213

To expand research information regarding multidisciplinary research projects  
and epidemiological studies.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Mrs. KELLY) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in  
addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subse-  
quently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such  
provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To expand research information regarding multidisciplinary  
research projects and epidemiological studies.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Research Review Act  
5 of 2004”.

### 6 **SEC. 2. MULTI-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH TEAM AND CON-** 7 **SORTIA REPORT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
9 Human Services (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-

1 retary”), in coordination with the Director of the National  
2 Institutes of Health, shall prepare a report outlining the  
3 methods by which the Roadmap for Medical Research, an  
4 initiative of such Institutes, has advanced the use of multi-  
5 disciplinary research teams and consortia of research in-  
6 stitutions to advance treatments, develop new therapies,  
7 and collaborate on clinical trials, including with respect  
8 to spinal cord injury and paralysis research.

9 (b) REPORT.—Not later than February 1, 2005, the  
10 Secretary shall submit the report under subsection (a) to  
11 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House  
12 of Representatives and to the Committee on Health, Edu-  
13 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

14 **SEC. 3. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY REPORT.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the  
16 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
17 tion, shall prepare a report outlining the epidemiological  
18 studies currently underway at such Centers, future  
19 planned studies, the criteria involved in determining what  
20 epidemiological studies to conduct, defer, or suspend, and  
21 the scope of those studies, including with respect to the  
22 inflammatory bowel disease epidemiological study. The re-  
23 port shall include a description of the activities the Cen-  
24 ters for Disease Control and Prevention undertakes to es-

1 tablish partnerships with research and patient advocacy  
2 communities to expand epidemiological studies.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than February 1, 2005, the  
4 Secretary shall submit the report under subsection (a) to  
5 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House  
6 of Representatives and to the Committee on Health, Edu-  
7 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

8 **SEC. 4. STUDY BY GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE**  
9 **ON MEDICARE AND MEDICAID COVERAGE**  
10 **STANDARDS.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the  
12 United States shall conduct a study on the coverage stand-  
13 ards that, under the programs under titles XVIII and XIX  
14 of the Social Security Act (commonly known as Medicare  
15 and Medicaid, respectively), apply to patients with inflam-  
16 matory bowel disease for the following therapies:

17 (1) Parenteral nutrition.

18 (2) Enteral nutrition formula.

19 (3) Medically necessary food products.

20 (4) Ostomy supplies.

21 (5) Therapies approved by the Food and Drug  
22 Administration for Crohn's disease and ulcerative  
23 colitis.

1 (b) CONTENT.—The study under subsection (a) shall  
2 take into account the appropriate outpatient or home  
3 health care delivery settings.

4 (c) REPORT.—Not later than six months after the  
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
6 shall submit to the Congress a report describing the find-  
7 ings of the study under subsection (a).

8 **SEC. 5. STUDY BY GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE**  
9 **INVOLVING DISABILITY INSURANCE.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the  
11 United States shall conduct a study of the problems pa-  
12 tients encounter when applying for disability insurance  
13 benefits under title II of the Social Security Act. The  
14 study shall include recommendations for improving the ap-  
15 plication process for patients with inflammatory bowel dis-  
16 ease.

17 (b) REPORT.—Not later than six months after the  
18 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
19 shall submit to the Congress a report describing the find-  
20 ings of the study under subsection (a).

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